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## *Arlington receives USDA funds to fix municipal wastewater system*

PORTLAND, May 18, 2004---The City of Arlington will upgrade its municipal wastewater collection and treatment system with the help of a \$922,200 loan and \$743,300 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Federal assistance is being provided by USDA Rural Development through its Water and Wastewater Development Loan and Grant Program. The 4.37 percent loan is scheduled to be repaid over 40 years. The City will contribute \$72,000 in local funds to the proposed project.

“This project is an investment to assure the future of Arlington,” said Lynn Schoessler, Oregon State Director of USDA Rural Development. “By working with the leadership of Arlington, David Force of our community programs staff has put together a finance package that will put in place a sewerage system that exceeds existing state and national regulations,” Schoessler said.

The existing wastewater collection system was constructed in 1961 when Arlington was relocated to higher ground prior to completion of the John Day dam. The proposed collection system upgrades include replacement of the Cottonwood Street Pump Station and providing sewer service to sections of the city that are not served by the existing system.

The City’s wastewater treatment facilities were constructed in 1974. Several components of the system have outlived their useful lives. The proposed treatment plant upgrades will provide for adequate wastewater treatment, have the capacity to provide for future potential treatment needs, provide DEQ Class II reliability, be relatively easy to operate, and be cost effective to construct and operate. Major new treatment facility components will include ultraviolet light disinfection facilities, an aerobic digester, an equipment building, and a standby electrical generator

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